



Rhonda Diane Johnson

August 24, 1961 - June 29, 2023

Rhonda Diane Johnson, 61, of Chattanooga, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 29, 2023, in a local hospital surrounded with love by her family. She was born August 24, 1961 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to James Willie and Callie Mae Jefferson. Diane gave her life to the Lord at an early age. She loved people. She was an avid music fan and enjoyed get-togethers with her family and friends. Diane loved to cook, and was a fabulous baker, but loved it when people enjoyed her cooking even more. She attended Fisk University and was the first family member to graduate from college, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. She dedicated her life to the service of others, particularly children in the foster care system. For many years Diane worked at the Department of Human Services and Youth Villages and loved it. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Willie and Callie Mae Jefferson; brother, Wesley Ward, Jr.; and sister, Lyla Jean Jefferson. Diane is survived by her sons, William C. Johnson, III of Chattanooga and Technical Sergeant Corey Johnson, U. S. Air Force stationed in Misawa, Japan with wife, Kayoko, who is expecting the couple's second child; grandchildren, Xavior Robinson, Zion Chatman, both of Chattanooga, and Ashley Johnson of Misawa, Japan; great-grandchild, Xavion Robinson of Chattanooga; sisters, Eva Ivory, Cynthia (Lonnie) Smith, both of Chattanooga, and Gladys Jefferson of San Francisco, CA; special niece, Tamara (Adrian) Steward of Chattanooga; and beloved nephew, Mario (Justine) Jefferson of Chattanooga; daughter-in-love, Laylona Chatman of Chattanooga; adoptive sons, N'Taj

Brown, Russ Rebennack, both of Nashville, TN, and Steven Clark of Chattanooga; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Diane loved her family deeply and fiercely and will be sorely missed. Diane will lie-in-state on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the chapel. A private family burial will be Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in Lakewood Memory Gardens East.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUL 8. 9:00 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Private Family Burial

JUL 11 (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

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“Diane was a wonderful person who made everyone around her happy! She was my classmate at Fisk University and we shared many laughs together. May her soul rest in power. And May her memory be a blessing to her family.



Theresa Sanders - July 07, 2023 at 02:29 AM



“Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rhonda Diane Johnson.



July 05, 2023 at 05:09 PM

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“Diane, was a very dear friend. We met in 1979 at Fisk University. She was my home girl. Please know I'm praying for your family and I'm so sorry for the loss of this beautiful person. God bless you.



Sharon Moore - July 05, 2023 at 10:28 AM

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“ *My Condolences To The Family. Diane Was A Cool Sister-n- Law* †



Sherine L Jennings - July 01, 2023 at 07:41 PM

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My condolences to the family, RIP

Pauline McClurkin - July 03, 2023 at 12:08 PM